

**Call for papers and proposals (deadline for proposals, December 15, 2004)
“Gender, Displacement, Memory and Agency”,
to be held in Ramallah, West Bank, March 4-6, 2005**

This conference will bring together academics, practitioners, community activists, policy makers, and other interested individuals with a wide array of disciplinary and geographic backgrounds.

The conference is sponsored by INSAN Centre of Gender Studies, Al-Quds University, East Jerusalem; Ministry of Women’s Affairs, the Palestinian National Authority; and MCRI “Diaspora, Islam and Gender” international project, York University, Toronto, Canada. Leading academic and non-academic figures will be plenary speakers. Panels will explore the sub-themes and issues related to displacement, memory, silence and agency. The special focus areas will include:

- Diaspora in Theoretical and comparative perspective
- Memory in Diaspora, Remembering, disremembering and healing
- Displacement and human rights
- Social- economic causes of displacement, violence, political unrest and instability, etc.
- Multiculturalism and integration policies in host countries
- The transformative power of memory and silence, agency and survival

We especially invite papers that explore related topics, from areas such as health, law, social work, education, community development, and other professional and paraprofessional fields in keeping with the theme of the conference. Proposals and enquiries are to be sent to:

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